

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

August 27, 2003

Issue 36

Amy Stover, PAO, 286-7954

HOT News

MEB, PAD Switch Places

Medical Boards, currently located on the first floor, will move to the Patient Administration headquarters section on the second floor, near the medical library. PAD headquarters will move to the MEB area on the first floor. Both sections will be operational Sept. 2. Phone numbers will remain the same.

MEDDAC Happenings

New ID Card Distribution

Mandatory Common Access Card (the new military identification card used to access LESs and other military information) distribution is scheduled for MEDDAC soldiers Sept. 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 546th Personnel Services Battalion, building 2805.

This distribution is only for MEDDAC soldiers who have never received the new ID card. The cards will be issued on a walk-in basis. Please bring your current ID card to turn in. Recently promoted soldiers will need to bring a copy of their promotion orders to the PSB. If you have lost your ID card, please contact the orderly room.

For more information, please call Sgt. 1st Class Rebecca Winters at 286-7242.

Commander's Corner

Darnall Staff,

I am starting to become more and more familiar with the organization as I meet with your department and division chiefs and I am truly impressed by the amount of collaboration and horizontal integration I've seen so far. Often times, organizations become too focused on vertical stove piping - my kudos to you for resisting this tendency. I am also impressed with the amount of support the community is willing to give to the MEDDAC. I appreciate this support tremendously.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." There is much truth to that statement.

Organizations work best when they achieve a unity of effort. A unity of effort occurs when all employees (military, civilian and contractor) work collectively to achieve a common goal.

To help us achieve our goals, we need to embed teamwork into our everyday duties. This involves coordination and synchronization of all the moving parts of the organization. Together we can achieve amazing results for this organization.

We should all focus on contributing and asking ourselves, 'what can I do, that if done well, will make a difference in the organization?'

The Global War on Terrorism is continuing on an unpredictable course and we must have teamwork to stay on track because it is teamwork that creates the emotional, mental and physical stamina necessary to complete our mission. Proud to be here, Proud to serve,
Number 1!

Col. Bernard L. DeKoning



Training Opportunities

Officer Professional Development Program

OPD is scheduled for Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The topic is Using Full Range Leadership Theory at DACH presented by Maj. Greg Kidwell. All MEDDAC officers are required to attend one OPD session per quarter.

For more information, please contact DRETS Education Branch.

Mandatory Ethics Training

Mandatory ethics training for new Army civilian employees will be held Sept. 2 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Soldier Development Center, Bldg 33009. There is no cost to attend this training.

To register, please contact the Carol Price at 286-7238.

HIV/AIDS In the Workplace Course

The HIV/AIDS in the Workplace Course is scheduled for Sept. 9 from 8-11 a.m. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009. To register, please contact Carol Price at 286-7238.

Respirator/TB Fit Testing Class

The next respirator fit testing class will be held Sept. 10 from 1-3 p.m. in the Darnall Family Care Clinic.

To reserve a slot, please call the Safety Office at 286-7381.

Customer Service Class

The next Customer Service Class is scheduled for Sept. 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium. Hospital staff members are required to attend the class once in their career.

For more information, please call Cheryl Turner at 288-8156.

Kudos to Blood Drive Participants

The MEDDAC blood drive conducted on July 25 was a success! Listed below are the donor registration, deferral and collection statistics.

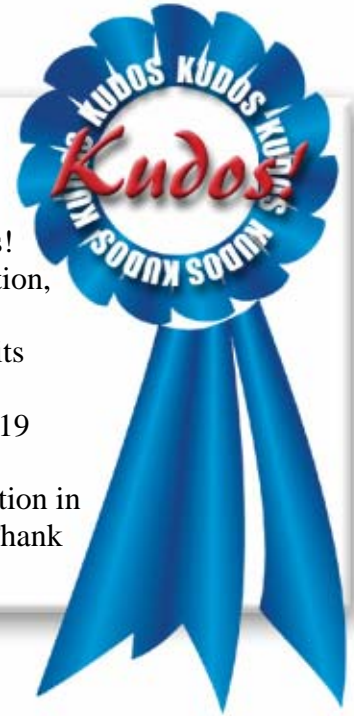
Blood drive collection goal - 50 units

No. of donors registered - 75

No. of deferred after registration - 19

No. of units collected - 56

The level of support and participation in this blood drive was outstanding! Thank you for your participation.



Did You Know?

State-wide Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Form

Instead of attempting to report child abuse or neglect over the telephone, professionals can type information via the Internet.

The address is: <https://reportabuse.ws/>

Login (lowercase): professional

Password (lowercase): report1

This new reporting system is only for professionals. Medical professionals cannot use this reporting form for their relatives or friends. For more information, please contact Carla Maddox at 288-8731.

Do Not Store Movie and Music Files On Your Computer

Due to heightened security all illegal movie and music files will be detected and deleted from the network. For more information, please contact IMD at 288-8555.

Correction to JCAHO Journal

In the Aug. 14 newsletter, the JCAHO Journal incorrectly stated that physicians and anesthesiologists are the only providers that can obtain a patient's informed consent. Nurse anesthetists are also credentialed to perform pre-operative counseling to anesthesia consent.



Speech Pathology Referrals and Evaluations

In order to streamline DACH Speech Pathology procedures and not duplicate services provided in the community, the Speech Pathology Clinic has changed its referral triage process for pediatric patients. Additionally, these changes are necessary in order to improve access to care for older patients.

Children ages 0-3 years should have evaluations through the local Early Childhood Intervention Program, Child Team, prior to being referred for Speech Pathology evaluations at DACH.

Children ages 3 years and older should have evaluations through their local public school system prior to being referred for Speech Pathology evaluations at DACH.

Referrals that do not indicate that pediatric patients have been evaluated by the above mentioned appropriate agency will be returned to the referring provider.

For more information, please contact Deborah Smith at 288-8490.

BAMC Bus

The BAMC Bus is a great way for patients to get to medical appointments at Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center safely and on time.

Active duty soldiers, active duty family members, retired military, retired military family members, and civilian family members are eligible to ride the bus. Additionally, there is often room for PCSing soldiers, individuals on TDY, soldiers taking leave in San Antonio and friends of family members traveling to San Antonio.

The BAMC Bus has many benefits; including alleviating the wear and tear on your private vehicle and eliminating miscellaneous travel expenses. Patients may sign-up for the bus at the information desk. They must arrive by 5:15 a.m. the day of departure. The bus leaves at 5:30 a.m. The bus arrives at BAMC at 8:30 a.m. and Wilford Hall at 9:30 a.m. It leaves Wilford Hall for the return trip at 3:30 p.m. and BAMC at 4:30 p.m., usually arriving at Fort Hood by 7 p.m.

The schedule for the BAMC BUS is available at DACH's information desk and also in the referral center located across the parking lot from the hospital in the front of building 36019.

Please encourage your patients to take advantage of the bus for their San Antonio medical needs.

For more information please call 288-8000 or 286-7747/7748/7749.

JCAHO Journal

Everyone Must Know Emergency Preparedness

Do you know your role in an emergency? You should, JCAHO will expect you to know what to do.

JCAHO requires that our emergency preparedness plan identify roles and responsibilities of staff during emergencies. Our MEDDAC Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP, dated 01 Sep 2001) is your guide for addressing emergency actions, such as fire, water or electrical outage, chemical spill/contamination and tornado. Every section must also have internal procedures (SOPs) that delineate responsibilities of your staff and methods for training your staff.

An example of a unit-specific SOP for fire emergencies may be found in your section's Fire Safety Coordinator Manual. The SOP includes responsibilities for your staff, including immediate action upon discovering a fire as well as specific procedures for evacuation of the facility both horizontally and vertically.

We must be well trained and participate in regular drills which test our staff knowledge. Preparation must begin at the lowest level to ensure hospital-wide emergency management success.

For further information, please contact Barbara Scheh at 288-8477 or Sgt 1st Class Benson at 286-7253.